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there lived a young lady, handsome  
and wealthy, and more than usually edu-  
cated. Her father was an invalid.  
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Two years ago a physician was called  
to attend her father; in this way the  
young lady saw him. The doctor paid  
no attention to her—his mind was eng-  
rossed with his professional duties.  
A few weeks ago this doctor was some-  
what surprised by being asked by the  
young lady to give her the favor of a  
private interview. She took him into a  
drawing room.

"Doctor," she said, "I suppose that  
gentlemen of your profession are ac-  
customed to receive strange confiden-  
tials. I have a confession to make to  
you."

He supposed that the impending  
confession had something to do with  
the state of her own health or with  
that of her father; and he begged her  
to proceed.

"You will, however, be scarcely  
prepared for what I am about to say,"

she continued, "but I wish you to  
hear it. It is now just two years since  
I first saw you. You have scarcely  
ever changed a word with me, but I  
have learned much about you. I am  
not mistaken in believing that you are  
unmarried?"

"No," he said, "I am not married."  
"And your affections are not en-  
gaged?"

"You scarcely have the right to ask  
that," said he.

"Well, then," she replied, "I will  
not ask it; but I will make you my con-  
fession. I love you with all my heart.  
I wish to marry you. I have loved  
you from the first moment I saw you.  
I said to myself I will wait for two  
years, if he then speaks to me I will  
know what to say. You have not  
spoken, and I now speak. I say I  
love you with all my heart, you are  
necessary for me—will you marry me?"

Mrs. A. I. TOTTEN, J. M. Meade  
and W. T. Caldwell, civil engineers,  
in charge of the Fayette county work,  
are busily engaged superintending the  
finishing up of their eight sections.

W. P. Walton, contractor on section  
73 and 74, finished this week, and  
should the \$6,000,000 bill be carried in  
Cincinnati next Tuesday, doubtless  
the remaining six sections will be ready  
for the ties by the middle of April; and  
as all the work between here and  
Cincinnati, is about completed, the  
men can rest assured that the day is  
not far distant when this great road  
will be open to their convenience and  
profit. —[Lexington Press.]

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PREPARATIONS for the banquet and  
ball to be given to the Kentucky State  
Medical Society, during its session in  
this city, the first week in April, are  
being rapidly perfected. Each of the  
newly elected members will be present.

THE new Secretary of War, Judge  
Taft, of Cincinnati, is well received by  
the press of both parties.

SOME of the negroes of South Car-  
olina, refuse to work for any man that  
belongs to the Democratic party.

FOUR colored children, in Virginia,  
were making a fire with Kerosene oil,  
when the can exploded, killing two of  
them, and it is thought, fatally injur-  
ing the other two.

RESOLUTIONS requesting members of  
Congress to vote in favor of the sub-  
sidy to the Texas Pacific Railroad, were  
defeated in the Virginia Legislature,  
and the people have been disappointed  
in their efforts to secure the favor of  
the Legislature.

A WOMAN in Tennessee, gave birth  
to a child which was born dead. In  
about a week afterwards, she gave birth  
to three more children, one of which  
was born dead, but the other two are  
living and doing well, as is also  
their mother.

A PORTION of the Scioto Valley R.  
bridge, at Chillicothe, now in  
course of construction, fell on Friday  
last, precipitating fifteen workmen a  
distance of thirty feet, into the water,  
killing one outright, and seriously  
wounding several others.

IT was Mr. Charles Hays, of Alba-  
ma, a Radical member of Congress,  
formerly, who sold a Cadetship to one  
Beardsley, in the United States Military  
Academy, for \$3,000. Congress is  
after him with a sharp stick. And  
thus they still come out of their hid-  
ing places.

RUFFIN, the negro member who was  
expelled from the Virginia Legis-  
lature for stealing another member's  
pocketbook, is now in the custody of  
the police, and is being held in  
jail.

Mrs. MITCHELL, a lady of our  
county, who is 76 years of age, has a  
negro woman in her household who  
must be verging on the extraordinary  
period of 150 years. Mrs. Mitchell  
says that at the period when she was  
a slave, could not have been less than  
70 years of age. This statement may  
be relied on as true, and gets away  
with the "centennial" with all ease.—  
[Madisonville Southwest.]

MR. HASTINGS, the man who at-  
tempted the murder of his wife a few  
days ago, and whose case was referred  
to the county judge, was called up be-  
fore his Honor yesterday morning, at  
half past 8 o'clock. The jury, after  
hearing the evidence, without leaving  
their seats, pronounced him insane,  
and thereupon, he was committed to the  
lunatic asylum. Mrs. Hastings, at  
last accounts, was improving, and  
strong hopes are entertained of her  
recovery. —[Lexington Press.]

WE intimated last week that a case  
had occurred near Mt. Eden, which  
had given rise to some scandal. As  
the matter has culminated in a public  
trial, we give the substance of the  
matter as it has reached us. Mr. Shel-  
ton Hardesty, a prominent citizen of  
Mt. Eden, was arrested last week,  
charged with committing a rape upon  
Miss Sallie Summitt, a young girl who  
was living in his family at the time, in  
the capacity of a servant. The of-  
fense was charged to have been com-  
mitted on the 18th of February. Last  
Friday an examining trial was had  
before Esquires Cleveland and Cooper,  
in Spencer, which resulted in Hardesty's  
being held in \$1,000 bail to answer  
at the Spencer Circuit Court. He  
gave the required bond without diffi-  
culty, and was released. Mr. Hardesty  
is of good family and character.  
The girl is fourteen years of age, and  
is said to be very pretty. Of course  
we can give no detail of the trial, which  
is to be had before the Circuit Court.  
He discharged it. The contents of the  
gun were lodged in





## The Head Letter.

By JOHN G. BAXE.

And can it be? Ah, yes, I see.  
The thirty years and better  
That many, many years have gone.  
The many, many letters.  
A pretty hand, (she couldn't spell).  
As any man must vote it;  
But 'twas, as I remember well,  
A pretty hand it is at wrote it.  
How calmly now I view it all,  
As memory backward ranges—  
The talk, the talk, that I recall,  
And then—the plan changed.

How well I loved her, I can guess  
(though it is a secret one);  
Five hundred notes (I calculate).  
Was certainly a deep one.

And yet it did not do me justice—  
Perhaps suspicion killed it;  
I've quite forgotten if 'twas alive,  
Or Mary's stirring killed it.

At last the fatal message came:

"My letters—please return them;

And yours—of course you will the same.  
I'll send them back, or burn them.

Two precious fools, I must allow,

Whichever is greater;

I wonder if I'm wiser now;

Some seven letters later!

And this alone remains: Ah, well!

These words of warm affection,

The faded ink, the pungent smell,

Are food for deep reflection.

Shop full of how the heart contrives

To change with fancy's fashions,

And how a drop of musk survives

The strongest human passion.

—NORA LANDON.

In a gambling saloon in a Western town sat two men. They had been indulging in a game of chance, and, as the game was finished, one was penitent, whilst the other was well provided with money.

Joe Landon was the loser. He was not a "professional" gambler, altho' he sometimes played as had done to-night, but generally with different results. His opponent, however, was a professed gambler. The men were of different appearance, personally.

Henry Lawson's face was not by any means pre-possessing. He had the appearance of a cunning, scheming man, a reckless character.

Joe Landon, Lawson's victim, as before hinted, was a very different man. Yet he was a man of many and serious faults. His moral stability and firmness of principles was not remarkable. And this was often the secret of his many sins. His fickleness made it impossible, in many cases, to do right. Yet when he did wrong, his heart did not sanction the deed. He did wrong, therefore, because he had not the moral courage to resist temptation.

His mind was sorely troubled as he sat opposite Lawson, a small table separating them. Starting suddenly from a deep reverie, he said to Lawson:

"You have won my all. The little homestead (a lovely garden and cottage in the glen) my horse, cow, all are yours! Luck is against me! Why did I play? To-morrow I am home-  
less."

"I have not won all, Landon," replied Lawson, calmly, yet with peculiar emphasis. "There remains the fairest and best portion yet to you. Ah, Landon, Nora is the best and worthiest treasure you ever possessed."

"True, true; I had forgotten her when I said all was lost. Besides, I was speaking only of the property named. But this thought that I have a dear and worthy daughter at home to share my misfortunes and disgrace, only increases my pain and remorse."

"Unfortunate you are, disgraced you are not," said Lawson. "Yet, Landon, there is aid to be redeemed for every loss, in one way or another, and there is a means of redeeming your lost fortune. Have you never thought of a way?"

"No—how?" asked the troubled man.

"Listen: I have loved your daughter from the moment I first saw her; but she, as you are aware, rejected my suit. Now, if you will aid me in this affair—that is, negotiate for me, and bring about the desired result—I shall not claim what I have won from you. Will you do it?"

"You mean," said Landon, convulsively, "for me to sacrifice my daughter to regain my property? No! I cannot do it. I had rather lose my property than my daughter!"

Calmly the villain proceeded:

"You will not sacrifice your daughter, nor will you lose her. I shall make her happy, if tenderness and attention can do it. I am rich, and will quit this dishonest business. I will buy a pretty home, and live hereafter, an honest life. Your cottage in the glen, will be yours, and you can live there or with Nora and I." Either a-  
cquiesce with me in this affair, or be turned out of home, old and helpless, with no other expedient than to trudge over the hills to the poor house."

Joe hung his head, whilst thoughts, bitter and agonizing, filled his mind. He thought of the gentle girl in the glen cottage. She was the only one who had cared for him since the death of his wife. Ah! it was agonizing to think of. She was, too, the exact image of her mother when Landon first saw her; possessing the same little figure, the same oval face, merry eyes, and long, dark hair; the same musical laugh. Could he force her to marry this Lawson?

The old man looked into the cold gray eyes of the gambler, in a pleading, beseeching manner, pitiful to see, but to see there that the man was relentless—that he meant to carry his threat into execution, and on the morrow would turn him from the cottage, homeless, helpless, and with none in the wide world to lend a helping hand—

or pitying glance. His weakness of principle served to bad advantage, and he promised to aid Lawson in his villainous schemes.

"All right, Lawson," he said; a prospect of ending my day in the poorhouse is not a pleasant one, and I am too fond of my cottage in the glen to part with it; besides, your promise is all I could desire. I hope you will not break it."

"Never fear, Landon."

"I will see her to-night or to-morrow, and do all I can," said Landon, as he left the room.

When, a short time afterward, he entered his home, he found that Will Norton was there. Landon knew that young Norton loved his daughter, and was quite sure that Nora reciprocated his passion. He had thought well of Will, and had approved of the union until this evening. He was now bound to oppose it in order to retain his property. Passing the parlor door, the unhappy man happening to glance in, beheld his daughter and Will Norton in pleasant conversation. A sharp pain of anguish permeated him as he saw the happy expression in his daughter's eye, for he knew that he must, if he retained his property, ruin her happiness, and bid the lovers forget each other, and command Nora to love and respect Henry Lawson, the gambler.

Mr. Landon went to his room and did not leave it until the next morning. Nora noticed that her father had gone to his room. She knew not of the heavy heart he had taken with him—knew naught of what was in store for her. She sang awhile, and quite charmed Will. Indeed, in this case, the melody of song proved to be a wand of love, and its influence drew his love, ay, his heart toward the fair Norton.

In the meantime, the strange presented a pistol, placing the muzzle within two inches of Lawson's forehead, and cautioned that gentleman not to move if he valued his life.

With the assistance of young Norton, the "bracelets" were clasped round the gambler's wrists with a musical click.

"Robert Greene, alias Henry Lawson, I arrest you for forgery committed in New York one year ago," said the detective—for a detective he was.

They then thought of the parson, who had disappeared soon after Will and the officer entered.

Lawson was convicted of forgery, and his term of imprisonment fixed at ten years; but he died after two years' incarceration.

Soon after the occurrence of the incidents just related, Will Norton and Nora Landon were married. Will, who possessed a snug fortune, bought a home equally as beautiful as Glen Cottage, where he and his bride lived a happy life.

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—Nora's Story.

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"Sheen Johnson 'round here?"

"What Johnson?" was asked,

"Sham Johnson, course."

"Why are you Sam Johnson yourself?"

"I know that Lawson loves you dearly. The only objection you have to him, is that he is a gambler. Now, if he would be redeemed, it is noble to redeem a man whose innate nature is honest, and who became degraded through dire necessity."

He says that could he win your affections, he would quit his nefarious profession and be henceforth an honest man. He is rich, and will buy a pretty home where you both can live happily. Nor is this all. You have my property if you marry him."

Drawing her petite figure to its full height, with haughty dignity and defiance in every gesture, Nora exclaimed:

"Marry him! Never! I have already given my affections to one whose character and nobility far exceeds the man's whose innate nature is honest, and who became degraded through dire necessity!" Oh, sir, you are a noble father to wish to barter your only child's person and happiness for a small estate!"

Her derision maddened him, and he determined that she should marry Lawson. The union should be accomplished by force, if in no other way.

"It makes little difference," he hotly replied, "whether you acquiesce or remain stubborn. Despite all your protestations, you shall marry Lawson. He is rich, and will buy a pretty home where you both can live happily. Nor is this all. You have my property if you marry him."

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The morning wore away. At about four o'clock in the afternoon, Landon left the house and walked rapidly toward the village, having first locked Nora in her chamber. She knew then that it was not proposed to "wait a week" before she should marry Lawson, but that it was to be done very soon.

It was fast growing dusk when Landon returned. He was accompanied by Lawson and the villainous parson. The latter was thoroughly disguised; Lawson was not. As the trio neared the dwelling, they met young Norton coming from the direction of Glen Cottage.

"Where is Miss Landon this evening?" he inquired.

"That question," replied Landon, "is important. However, I will answer it. She has gone to spend the day with a friend, and may not return till-morrow morning."

"I meant no insult, sir, when I asked for Miss Landon. She knew that I intended to call on her this evening, and I thought it rather strange that she was not at home."

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With these words the man stepped to the window from whence issued the light, and looked in.

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He turned the door knob only to find the door locked. Norton heard the man mutter something about an unwilling bride.

Norton made no reply, and strolled on toward the village. As he reached the principal thoroughfare of the village, he was asked, in an off-hand way by a strange man, if he knew where Lawson was. He replied that he did, at the same time telling him that he had seen that individual at Glen Cottage.

"I am a stranger here, sir, and would be glad if you would be kind enough to guide me to the cottage."

"All right," Norton replied, and soon they were on the way to Nora's home.

It was now quite dark, and a flood open. Now, both together!"

They hurried themselves against the door, which flew open, unable to resist the weight thrown against it. A strange sight met the gaze of the two men. In the floor in front of the parson, stood Lawson, supporting the drooping form of Nora Landon. She glanced at the men who entered so unceremoniously, and seeing one of them, broke from the grasp of Henry Lawson, and flew to the embrace of Will Norton.

In the meantime, the strange presented a pistol, placing the muzzle within two inches of Lawson's forehead, and cautioned that he must strike it. On the day of the race the horses were on the track at the appointed time, and were sent off to an even start amid the vociferous cheers of a party of the banker's friends. Centennial was to be held in to tire out the old plug for about half a mile, and then let out to distance him in the first heat. He was just about to forge ahead when ting went the bell, and he came to a full stop so suddenly that the driver came near being pitched over the dashboard. Old Sport of course shot ahead. By the use of the whip the banker's horse was again started, and soon caught up to the old plug. The bell sounded again, and there was another full stop. The trial was repeated at intervals for the balance of the way home, the old plug going wheezing past the judges stand a winner. The eighth wonder of the world was distanced. "It all seems like a hideous dream." Mr. Baldwin freely remarked, as he watched the Sacramento sport button up the gold notes.

—Nora's Story.

It was midnight. The young man hadarelle himself out, and Elmeline had locked the door and was untiring her shoes when her mother came down stairs with a bed-quilt around her said:

"Wanted to creep up stairs without my hearing you, eh? Didn't I know it was an hour after midnight, did you?"

The girl had no reply and the mother continued:

"Did he propose this time?"

"Why—mother!" exclaimed the daughter.

"You can 'why mother!' all you want to, but I don't know that he has been coming here for the last year? Don't I know that you've burned up at least four tons of coal running your property if you marry him?"

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"That question," replied Landon, "is important. However, I will answer it. She has gone to spend the day with a friend, and may not return till-morrow morning."

"I meant no insult, sir, when I asked for Miss Landon. She knew that I intended to call on her this evening, and I thought it rather strange that she was not at home."

"It is more than probable she did

or pitying glance. His weakness of principle served to bad advantage, and he promised to aid Lawson in his villainous schemes.

"All right, Lawson," he said; a prospect of ending my day in the poorhouse is not a pleasant one, and I am too fond of my cottage in the glen to part with it; besides, your promise is all I could desire. I hope you will not break it."

"The villain!" he ejaculated. "Come, my friend, let us enter—our services are surely needed."

He turned the door knob only to find the